

### **REMARKS**

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2006. Claims 1-37, 41-49, and 53-60 have been canceled without prejudice, solely to expedite prosecution, and will be pursued in subsequent applications. Original claims 38-40 and 50-52 are pending. New claims 61-72 have been added and are pending. The new claims are dependent on the currently allowed pending claims and are directed at a composition that comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a pharmaceutically acceptable sodium salt. Support for these new claims may be found in Paragraph 66 of the patent application as filed; no new matter has been added.

#### **Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 112**

Claims 1-7, 10-20, 23-28 and 53-57 are rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph. This rejection is now moot.

#### **Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102**

Claims 1, 2, 8, 14, 15, 21, 27, 29, 30 and 53 are rejected under 35 USC §102. This rejection is now moot.

#### **Claim Rejections under 35 USC §103**

Claims 12, 13, 25, 26, 36 and 37 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a). This rejection is now moot.

#### **Claim Objections**

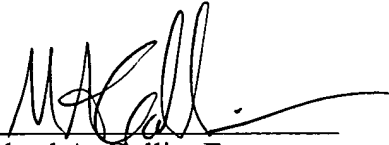
Claims 31-35, 43 – 47 and 58 are objected to as depending from rejected base claims. This rejection is now moot.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the forgoing, all of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been rendered moot. Applicant submits that a full and complete reply has been made. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that the claims 38-40, 50-52, and 61-72 are in condition for allowance and favorable action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner can reach the undersigned at (914) 345-9001 (ext. 6206).

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Respectfully submitted,

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